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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Selectmen and Treasurer

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COM.,

OF THE

TOWN OF DURHAM

For the Year ending March 1, 1878.

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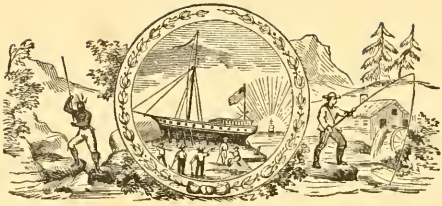

SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT.

SCHOOL HOUSE TAX, DIST. NO. VII.

Abatements .16, V Mathes Jr, Collector 1.21		
Paid Stephen Rand, Prudential Committee 50.00,		$51.37
Solon A Carter, State Tax,		1408.00
Harry H Hough, County Tax,		1406.03

REPAIRS ON TOWN HOUSE.

Paid	George E Langley for 9½ days labor,	$14.25
	H W B Grover for labor and material,	4.71
	Alonzo Ransom for 14 days labor,	21.00
	V Mathes Jr for 6200 hard brick,	40.30
	W P Hayes for doors and window,	9.30
	D Trefethen for lime and hair,	3.30
	J Converse for cement, lime and lumber,	12.47
	Moulton & Cate for tinning and conductors,	10.70
	John J Bunker for 20 days work and 37 ft lumber,	50.55
	J E Moring for 2 days labor,	2.50
	Cyrus G Hull for 20 days labor,	50.00
	Geo F Rollins & Co for lead and materials for doors and window,	8.05

Paid Stephen Rand for stone,	$45.29
J E Buzzell for timber, iron and labor,	2.61
F B Stevens for drawing sand, brick and gravel,	14.10
John M Smart for labor,	.75
E Jenkins for lumber, iron, work and labor,	6.06
Albert Young for self, Horse, oxen and 1 bunch shingles,	11.95
G & W P Ffrost for articles furnished,	9.43
J S Burnham for lumber,	9.70
John Drew for 436 ft pine boards,	6.54
	$333 56

DAMAGE BY DOGS.

Paid William Tuttle for 1 sheep killed,	$5 00
Daniel Chesley for 1 sheep killed,	4 00
George H Amazeen for 17 turkeys killed,	10 00
A S Reynolds for 1 sheep killed,	5 00
F B Stevens for 7 turkeys,	7 00
C M Glidden for 14 turkeys killed,	14 00
	$45 00

ABATEMENTS, 1876.

H H Dame .40, Clark Mathes 1 00, Francis Demeritt 5 00, Wm Langley 2 90, Horatio Hunt .90, I F Durgin .90, Alfred Proctor .90, M G Woodman .27	$12 27

BREAKING ROADS, 1877.

Paid Ira B Hill,	$3 30
T H Wiswall,	60
B Marden,	1 00
Albert Demeritte,	1 35
Fred M Bunker.	1 60
John P Emerson,	2 50
Selectmen,	1 40
	$11 75

NOTES AND INTEREST.

Paid Sarah Thompson note and interest,	$476 64

Paid Irene C Griffin note and interest,	$509 00
Sarah F Wright " "	1030 00
Hilliard F Fogg note in part and interest,	260 00
Selectmen interest,	12 00
	$2287 64

WISWALL'S MILL BRIDGE.

Paid James W Long for 10¾ days labor,	$16 27
Daniel Pinkham for 11½ days labor,	19 16
Peter McKone for 19 days labor,	28 35
Thomas H Wiswall,	5 14
George S Chesley for self, oxen, cart and drag,	25 02
Otis P Dudley for 3 stringers,	54 00
Frank P Glidden for 14 days labor,	21 00
Andrew J Glidden for 13 days and 1 hour labor,	19 65
Alexander Ellison for 4 days and 6½ hours labor,	6 95
John O Wiggin for 13½ hours labor,	2 02
Charles Ellison for 25 hours labor,	3 75
Chester Atherton for 7 days and 9 hours labor,	11 85
Clarence Perkins for 14 days and 6½ hours labor,	21 97
James H Long for 10 days and 6 hours labor and watching nights,	16 65
George H Corson for 10 hours labor,	1 50
C H Whitehorn for 2 days labor,	3 00
David S Glidden for self, oxen, cart and rails,	18 35
H F Fogg for self, oxen, horses and 1 hand,	69 02
Nowell & Rand for irons and sharpening tools,	10 52
John W Smart for 244 ft plank,	4 88
Treadwell & Davis for powder, fuse and nails,	1 71
Newmarket Manufacturing Co for use of derrick 14 days,	18 25
	$379 01

Paid W F Chapman for 5 foxes killed in Durham,	$2 50
Edwin Demeritte for 1 fox killed in Durham,	50
Louis Bunker for one hawk killed in Durham,	20
John Drew for one hawk killed in Durham,	20
	$3 40

SCHOOL MONEY.

Paid Charles E Hoitt for Dist No 1,	$297 26

Paid Wm F Jones for District No 2,		$139 68
John S Chesley	" 3,	116 42
Charles H Bunker	" 4,	217 34
Eben M Davis	" 5,	194 88
Wm J Channel	" 6,	70 00
Stephen Rand	" 7,	194 70
James W Burnham	" 8,	160 72
B F Haley, Newmarket	" 9,	70 50
George S Chesley	" 10,	147 90
		$1609 40

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid J M R Adams for care of Minnie B Gordon,	$31 65
Dr J L Elkins " " "	26 40
Eben Kent for services on account of same,	8 00
M B Gordon for fare & expense to Holyoke, Mass.,	7 00
S Runlett Jr for board of C H Dearborn,	16 75
D Lothrop & Co for clothes for Dearborn boys,	10 00
V Mathes jr " " "	4 70
Dr C J Ricker for 1 visit to J C McDaniel 1876,	75
V Mathes for wood for Mary E McDaniel,	7 03
David Stevens for keeping 254 transients,	91 20
Selectmen for transportation of "	10 30
Dr J L Elkins for attendance and medicine to A Corson's family,	7 65
N H A for the insane for Wm K Chesley,	130 00
Dr C J Ricker for J Brown's family,	5 00
Town Clerk for Loudon for certificate,	1 00
J B Smith for 2 affidavits,	1 00
	$358 43

GENERAL EXPENSE.

Paid W C Tufts for cleaning hall and office,	$2 00
Geo E Langley for services at annual meeting,	2 00
Libbey & Co for printing 350 Town accounts	20 00
Eben F Doe for insurance on Town house,	12 50
Libbey & Co for printing check-lists,	4 00
H W B Grover for guide boards,	12 00
E J Lane & Co for blank-books and stationery,	5 05
David Stevens for services as police officer,	14 00
B W Sanborn & Co for invoice and H Surveyors' and Collectors' books,	4 75

J B Smith for fare to Concord to settle State tax,	3 75
Selectmen for services,	90 00
J B Smith for services as Treasurer,	25 00
Albert Young for services as overseer of poor,	5 00
J B Smith for services as overseer of poor,	20 00
V Mathes jr for services as collector of taxes,	52 00
E Jenkins for services as S School committee,	40 00
V Mathes jr for printing tax bills,	2 50
E Jenkins	2 00
V Mathes for services as Town Clerk,	23 86
	$340 41

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Ira B Hill for labor on highway 1876 and 1877,	$12 00
M W Langmaid for labor on culverts on Turnpike,	4 00
G W Smart for labor on Mill road bridge,	1 00
J B Smith for labor on Mill road bridge,	50
Stephen Paul for labor on Mill road bridge,	1 00
John McDaniel for labor on bridge on Mill road,	10 25
M W Langmaid for labor on bridge on Mill road,	2 10
Benjamin D Hill for self and oxen on Turnpike,	7 00
Darius Stevens for labor on culverts,	2 00
Frank A Chesley for labor on Dover road,	40 45
Fred M Bunker for use of scraper,	1 50
A D Moring for railing Bunker's bridge,	1 25
Jacob Shepard for labor on old road by river,	1 05
Alvin Jackson for powder for Mill road,	2 10
J E Buzzell for drawing gravel for Turnpike,	20 70
Fred M Bunker for labor on highway,	8 55
John R Meader for labor on highway,	25 00
James D Meader for railing road 12½ days self and oxen,	18 50
J Langley for seven days railing road, and 19 rails,	18 50
Joseph Bunker for labor on culvert,	4 55
M B Foss for labor on road and watering trough,	6 80
F B Stevens for labor on road,	6 30
Enoch J Coffin for labor on road,	7 64
John Drew for labor on road,	3 00
J E Buzzell for sharpening tools for Mill road,	1 03
A D McDaniel for labor on road,	11 52
A D McDaniel for 571 feet stringers,	8 56
Frank H Ransom for labor on highway,	7 20
John M Smart for labor on highway,	4 05

Paid M W Langmaid for labor on new culvert and covering stone,	15 00
Nicholas Drew for railing road,	4 00
Wm F Jones for repairing abutment Jones C bridge,	6 00
S Runlett for labor on wall on Fall's bridge,	2 00
Wm F Jones for repairs on Bunker's bridge,	9 00
Wm F Jones for stringes on Bunker's bridge,	10 80
Stephen Paul for labor on Bunker's bridge,	2 50
V Mathes for powder,	15
Wm F Jones for railing for Jones' Creek bridge,	3 00
Samuel Emerson for labor on culvert,	1 50
David Foye for labor on culvert,	4 00
Joseph S Burnham for labor on road,	53 09
W C Tufts for labor on Turnpike,	9 60
Eben M Davis for labor on road,	8 00
Joseph W Coe for labor on road,	2 00
Eben F Doe for labor on old road,	9 75
Job R Giles for irons for railing and sharpening tools,	1 30
David A Stevens for railing road,	13 00
David A Stevens for repairing culvert,	2 00
Stephen Meader for ½ day on road,	75
Stephen Rand for sharpening tools,	70
J D Meader for iron spikes,	1 65
Tobias Bunker for relaying culvert,	4 50
	$402 39
J S Burnham for 6150 ft bridge plank,	110 70

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid J M Smart for labor on hearse house,	$1 00
V Mathes jr for materials for hearse house,	1 45
Ira Willey for labor on hearse house,	3 50
Wm B Small for advice about collecting certain taxes,	2 00
Eben T Emerson for guide post and setting same,	2 00
V Mathes jr expense covering well near Town house,	14 42
S Runlett for surveying lumber and dressing boards,	3 83
S Runlett for use of cart for repairs on T house,	1 25
Joseph G Clay for damage to horse and wagon,	5 00
H F Fogg for guide post and setting,	2 00
Andrew J Glidden for damage to sleigh,	2 00

Paid Wingate & Dunton for printing circulars,	3 00
Geo E Langley for setting glass and making conductor to Town house,	1 25
J Stewart for lamps, chimneys and burners for Town house,	1 90
H W B Grover for 2 tin post bills for Town house,	1 50
David Stevens for labor on outside of Town house,	2 37
J B Smith for board for guide board,	30
J B Smith for services to Newmarket and Madbury settling notes,	6 00
Samuel Emerson for guide board and setting,	2 00
Albert Young for 7 panes glass for Town house,	56
E F Doe for ox yoke for D S Glidden damaged at bridge,	2 50
V Mathes jr for coal, stationery and articles for Town hall,	5 70
	$65 53

ABATEMENTS 1877.

John D Meader on house and Edgerly land,	$1 80
Aaron Corson	66
M W Langmaid over-taxed,	1 86
John Emerson over-taxed,	3 50
Eben Kent over-taxed,	3 00
Arthur B Adams, poll,	1 00
Henry E Ford, poll and cow,	1 20
George Doe, poll,	1 00
George A Merrill, poll,	1 00
Frank Stevens, poll,	1 00
James W Doran, poll,	1 00
William Martin, poll,	1 00
Isaac F Durgin, poll over seventy,	1 00
	$19 02

BILLS FOR BREAKING ROADS.

Paid John R Meader,	$2 10
Andrew J Glidden,	1 20
J B Griffiths & Sons,	2 10
Benjamin J Emerson,	45
Mark H Mathes,	1 80

Paid James D Meader,	$3 30
Enoch J Coffin,	1 35
Eben M Davis,	1 50
Albert Young,	3 00
Samuel Emerson,	1 95
Eben F Doe,	45
David A Stevens,	2 00
Silas Jenkins,	1 05
John Mathes,	2 70
	$24 95

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasury,	$143 00
Literary Fund,	77 40
Railroad Tax,	304 59
Savings Bank Tax,	1263 80
Rent of Store,	80 00
Rent of Hall,	2 00
Rent of Wharves,	4 25
Dog Taxes 1876 and 1877,	48 00
Tax 1876, George W Long,	90
Newmarket Manufacturing Company,	9 25
Resident Taxes,	4504 60
Non-Resident Taxes,	341 64
Non-Resident Highway,	119 50
County of Strafford,	214 05
Town of Newmarket in full,	2156 11
	$9269 09

EXPENDITURES.

Damage by Dogs,	$45 00
State and County Taxes,	2814 03
Town House,	333 56
Abatements,	31 29
Breaking Roads,	36 70
Interest,	143 64
Wiswall's Mill bridge,	379 01
Bridge Plank,	110 70
School Money,	1609 40
Support of Poor,	358 43
General Expense,	340 41

Roads and Bridges,		402 39
Miscellaneous, including Bounties,		68 93
Non-Resident Highway worked,		111 04
Auditors,		6 00
Notes paid,		2144 00
Balance,		334 56
		$9262 09
Amount of Notes against the Town,	$800 00	

JOSHUA B. SMITH,
HILLIARD F. FOGG,
ALBERT YOUNG,
} Selectmen of Durham.

DURHAM, N. H., Feb. 28, 1878.

The undersigned, Auditors for 1878, hereby certify that we have carefully examined the above account of the Selectmen, and find them accurately cast and properly vouched.

JOSEPH C. BARTLETT,
THOMAS H. WISWALL,
} Auditors.

SCHOOL REPORT.

Report of the Superintending School Committee for the Town of Durham, for the Year ending March 1, 1878.

District No. 1.—There were three terms, all taught by Miss Stella M. George. Miss George is a lady of ability, and long experience, having taught several terms in town before, and two terms in this District last year. Some of the scholars made good progress, others not so good; and as a whole, the school did not come up to that standard which is desirable, considering the amount of money expended. More punctuality on the part of the scholars is needed, also the co-operation of parents; and a most thorough dicipline must prevail, before the labors of the teacher will show any marked results.

District No. 2.—The Spring and Summer terms kept by Miss Zella A. Stevens, was entirely satisfactory. The scholars appeared well, made good progress in their studies, and sustained their former reputation.

The Winter term was taught by Miss Cinthia J. Tasker, who established her reputation as a successful Teacher in the Fall term in District No. 10, looses nothing in this attempt. The District has been very fortunate in their choice of teachers for the last two years at least, and the school now stands fully equal with any in town.

District No. 3.—This is the smallest school in town, and has the least money.

The Summer term taught by Miss Sophia George, gave good satisfaction, and the scholars made fair progress. No register was returned from her school.

The Winter term taught by Miss Emma S. Nealey, was her first attempt at teaching. She seemed to gain the good will of the scholars, and of their parents, as far as is known—and good results were manifest in the school.

District No. 4.—This school is not so well advanced as it ought to be, considering all circumstances.

The Summer term kept by Miss Carrie E. Buzzell, gave good satisfaction, and likewise the Fall and Winter terms by Miss Sophia George. In each instance fair progress was manifest, but the school lacks energy, and needs considerable urging and good dicipline.

District No. 5.—The Summer and Fall terms were taught by Miss Mattie F. Davis. The school appeared well at each term, made good progress, and would have accomplished more had it not been interrupted by sickness among the scholars.

The Winter term taught by Mr. John L. Stevens, was his first attempt at teaching. The school started well, and it was understood the teacher was well liked, yet at the close but few scholars were present, and it is hard telling what was done. One thing is sure, the parents were in fault for allowing their children to absent themselves from the school, as the teacher was amply able to instruct them, and would no doubt have done his duty.

District No. 7.—The Summer term was taught by Miss Annie E. Sanders. Miss Sanders was inexperienced, and the school did not come up to that point of excellence desired.

The Fall term taught by Miss Addie J. Drew, fully made up what the Summer term failed to do. Miss Drew seemed to gain the friendship of the entire District, and the result fully attested the faithfulness of her labors. A large number were present at the examination, and all were pleased at the work done.

District No. 8.—The Spring term taught by Miss Helen C. Bennett, was her first school, and certainly did her much credit, as she labored faithfully, and good advancement was perceptable.

The Winter term taught by Miss Mary A. Burnham. The school bid fair to sustain its good reputation, but it soon became apparent that a want of harmony prevailed in the Dist., and it was creeping into the school. Steps were taken to quiet the trouble, and as a last resort, one pupil was dismissed. The attendance was not regular, and at the close many scholars were absent, and of course so much was lost. If parents would keep their children in school, they would be sure to make some progress, but if they allow them to roam the streets at will, they may expect a good showing of ignorance in after life.

District No. 10.—Both terms by Miss Cinthia J. Tasker. The choice was a good one, and gave much satisfaction. It is not often that so good results are seen in so short a time, and not always that ones efforts are so well appreciated as in this instance. A great number came in at the examination, and words of praise were freely spoken.

REMARKS.

In closing it may not be improper to say, that the advancement made in the schools during the past year, as a whole, is not satisfactory. The blame does not all belong to the teachers. It belongs to them to urge the school on, and enforce proper dicipline, for without this all will be a failure. If they do this, some parents take exceptions, and perhaps remove their children from the school, and allow them to grow up in ignorance. I earnestly desire parents not to condemn the school, or the teacher, in presence of their children, as here is where much trouble arises. Visit the school and do all you can to sustain the teachers.

There has been only one change in text-books in the last two years—that of English Grammar. There is urgent need of a new reading book, and I would recommend a change at once.

Several of the registers are not properly filled and returned. No teacher should be paid till they perform this duty, and get a line from the committee to this effect.

Prudential Committee.	Number of District,	Number of Terms,	Number of Scholars,	Average Attendance,	Number in Arithmetic,	Number in Grammar,	Number in Geography,	Number in Reading,	Number in Spelling,	Number in Penmanship,	Number in other Studies,	Number of Weeks kept,	Wages per Month,
													$
CHARLES E. HOITT.	1	1	41	36	27	11	17	41	41	23	10	9	
		2	38	30	22	10	15	38	38	17	6	9	
		3	41	34	26	9	10	41	41	29	6	10½	
WILLIAM F. JONES.	2	1	9	8	9	6	8	9	9	9	3	9	
		2	11	9	10	5	9	11	11	10	3	10	28
		3	10	6	10	7	6	10	10	8	3	11	28
J. S. CHESLEY.	3	1											
		2	12	11	9	6	4	12	12	4	4	11	24
CHAS. H. BUNKER.	4	1	14	12	9	4	7	14	14	14	0	10	28
		2	18	16	17	6	11	18	18	16	2	9	30
		3	21	19	19	6	11	20	20	20	2	9	30
EBEN M. DAVIS.	5	1	24	15	17	6	9	21	21	12	2	10	30
		2	22	17	15	8	8	22	22	13	3	8	30
		3	29	19	26	12	19	28	26	18	7	12	30
STEPHEN RAND.	7	1	24	18	18	3	8	24	24	16	0	9	24
		2	31	24	27	5	14	31	31	27	0	15½	30
J. W. BURNHAM.	8	1	27	24	19	6	11	27	21	21	6	7	28
		2	25	15	18	5	10	25	25	14	3	13	30
GEORGE S. CHESLEY.	10	1	21	17	14	3	6	21	21	11	2	9	26
		2	21	18	15	6	5	21	21	13	2	12	26

E. JENKINS,

Super. School Committee.

Co. B. Philbrick
" D. Geo. P. Rowe

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